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MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant Deputy Director for
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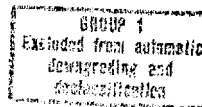
SUBJECT : Comments on Blue Ribbon Defense Panel Report

REFERENCE : ADD/S&T Memorandum to D/FMSAC, same subject,
dated 17 August 1970

1. The Fitzhugh Panel Recommendations I-12 and I-13 which advocate the establishment of a Net Assessment Group and a Long-Range Planning Group to conduct net assessment work and report directly to the Secretary of Defense on the results are non-controversial and soon may be implemented. The creation of such a high-powered group undoubtedly will introduce more people at the policy level and will proliferate the numbers of personnel dealing with FMSAC and stretch our already limited capability for dealing with net assessment problems in addition to our normal tasks. The alternative to such a DoD-DD/S&T relationship may well be the creation of a component or staff within the Agency to interface with the DoD group.

2. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly will be the impact of increased financial resources which will probably be brought to bear on the solution of net assessment problems by external analysis and research. For example, the initial involvement by ODDR&E in [redacted] for threat assessment work was [redacted] in FY 1969 and it has grown to [redacted] in FY 1971. On the other hand, the funds available to FMSAC for external analysis have been decreased and the outlook for the future is not bright. We may soon encounter a situation in which the DoD funds available to [redacted] equal or surpass DD/S&T's and result in the loss, or loss of control, of one of our more important external analysis efforts.

3. We have no major comments relative to the Fitzhugh Panel recommendations concerning intelligence components. Whatever changes are made in the structure or responsibilities

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of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) or the National Security Agency (NSA) will have an impact on FMSAC. However, at this point in time it is difficult to pinpoint any specific potential problem area.



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